

**REMARKS**

**I.     The Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 1-6 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/559,774.

To to expedite allowance of the present Application, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/559,774.

Therefore, for the above reasons, it is requested that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over copending Application No. 10/559,774 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

**II.    Conclusion**

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the obvious type double patenting rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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